

AFTER a committee meeting earlier this week, Wycombe Wanderers have decided to go ahead with their plans to play in Europe this season. They will meet Italian semi-professional champions Monza on a home and away basis, in Italy on September 24 with the return at Loakes Park on October 8.

This is a rare honour for Wycombe who were selected from all the other non-league clubs throughout the country. The matches against Italian opposition have been revived this season and West Ham and Staines Town are also involved. Staines meet Banco Roma in the Batassi Cup.

Wanderers now are seeking out the possibility of local sponsorship from firms in the High Wycombe area. The venture could leave them as much as £1,000 out of pocket and much will depend on the size of the 'gate' in the home leg.

In deciding to go ahead into Europe, Wanderers general secretary Tony Mahoney said this week: "We are going ahead with our plans because we feel this is a unique honour for the club to be representing non-league football in Europe."